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BOELLING AT HIS PRESS-CONFERENCE IN BONN JULY 14, 1978,
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THE SPOKESMAN OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MADE
THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

QUOTE

THE PRIVATE TALKS ALONE BETWEEN THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR
AND PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH LASTED FOR ONE HOUR AND
FORTY MINUTES AND THE TALKS IN A GREATER CIRCLE WHICH
I WILL DESCRIBE LATER, UNTIL ABOUT 3.05 P.M., CAN BE
CHARACTERIZED ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY DISCUSSION
WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, A DISCUSSION WHICH BOTH
SIDES FELT WAS DECIDED BY SPONTANEOUS FRIENDLINESS.
BOTH NOTED AGAIN THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
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UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE
NEVER BEEN BETTER THAN TODAY. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT
HAS CHARACTERIZED THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND BERLIN AS STRONG AND
BEYOND ANY DOUBT. THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAS BEEN OCCASIONALLY CRITI-
CIZED IN FORMER YEARS NOW ARE INTENSIVE. THERE IS A

TIGHT NET OF CONSULTATIONS. THE CHANCELLOR CHARACTERIZED HIS TALKS WITH THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF ONE HOUR AND ANOTHER OF THREE QUARTERS OF AN HOUR WITH THE WORDS: "PRACTICALLY ALL AREAS ABOUT WHICH WE SPOKE AND OF THE MANY QUESTIONS WE HAD WERE VIEWED WITH THE SAME EYES." BUT WE DID NOT CONCEAL THAT IN THE VERY DETAILED DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT HERE AND THERE ACCENTS WERE PUT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF EACH COUNTRY AND ITS GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, AS YOU REMEMBER, ALREADY POINTED THIS MORNING. BUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, THAT IS MY IMPRESSION, ARE CONSIDERED FAVORABLE.

AS YOU KNOW, A PART OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR AND A DETAILED DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND MR. VANCE WITH WHOM I HAVE JUST NOW HAD THE CHANCE TO SPEAK, CALLED BOTH TALKS, AND THIS IS ALSO TRUE WITH HIS DISCUSSION WITH HERR GENSCHER, AS "TRULY EXCELLENT". BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS, IF I MIGHT MENTION THIS HERE, HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST (AND HERE THE FEDERAL FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE MR. VANCE A REPORT ON HIS VISIT

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TO ISRAEL) AND SALT WERE DISCUSSED AND BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD AN INTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT THE TOPIC OF THE NORTH-SOUTH-DIALOGUE WHICH BOTH

CONSIDER IMPORTANT.

AFTER THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR, THEY WERE JOINED BY MESSRS. BRZEZINSKI, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, AMBASSADOR VON STADEN AND THE FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER OF THE CHANCELLOR, RUFFUS. I NAME THE TOPICS, EVEN IF NOT IN THE TIME SEQUENCE. AFRICA AND THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA WERE ALSO THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. HERE ONE HAS NOTED, THAT AS FAR AS NAMIBIA IS CONCERNED, COOPERATION NOT ONLY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND US BUT ALSO WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF THE FIVE HAS PROVEN USEFUL. THE EXCHANGE ABOUT AFRICA WILL BE EVEN MORE CLOSE AND EXTENSIVE.

I WILL COME BACK TO AFRICA LATER.

AS FAR AS GERMANY AND BERLIN IS CONCERNED, ONE HAS
NOTED, THE EFFORTS FOR UNITY OF THE WEST ARE NOT
CONTRARY BUT COMPLEMENTARY TO THE EFFORT FOR THE

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POLICY OF DETENTE WHICH ONE IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE.
ONE HAS NOTED, THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF THE FOUR POWER
AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE THE CYPRUS
PROBLEM AND NAMIBIA, AS I ALREADY MENTIONED, AND A
DETAILED REPORT BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE ON
SALT II AND THE PROSPECTS OF PROGRESS IN THE TALKS
ABOUT THE LIMITATION OF NUCLEAR STRATEGIC WEAPONS
WERE ALSO CONSIDERED AS "STILL POSITIVE", AS THE
FOREIGN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE ANSWERED MY QUES-
TIONS. THEN THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ABOUT
MBFR. ONE AGREED IN THE POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF
EASTERN REACTIONS TO THE WESTERN INITIATIVE, WHICH IN
SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN A GERMAN-AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND
WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN JULY OF LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON
IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN A VERY DETAILED MANNER BETWEEN
THE CHANCELLOR, THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER. THE WEST WILL OF COURSE MAKE A RENEWED

EFFORT TO REACT POSITIVELY TO THE EASTERN POSITION.
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BUT IMPORTANT FOR US, BECAUSE IT HAS STILL TO BE
CLEARED, WILL REMAIN THE SO-CALLED DISCUSSION ABOUT
DATES AND ALSO A HIGHER MEASURE OF CLARITY ABOUT THE
NUMBER OF FORCES ON ONE SIDE AND THE OTHER. HERE WE
WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AND THESE EFFORTS WILL NOT
ONLY CONCENTRATE ON TODAY'S DISCUSSION BUT ALSO
ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER THE SO-CALLED CONFIDENCE BUILDING
MEASURES WHICH WERE AGREED UPON IN HELSINKI TO MBFR.

THE TOPIC OF THE SUPPLY OF EUROPEANS WITH NUCLEAR FUEL
WAS MENTIONED ONLY VERY BRIEFLY, THERE IS NOTHING NEW.
I WAS ABLE TO REPORT RECENTLY THAT HERE THERE IS A
FORMULA WHICH WILL BE SATISFACTORY FOR BOTH SIDES
AS LONG AS THE INFC-STUDIES LAST.

NOW I WANT TO COME BACK AGAIN TO AFRICA. OF COURSE
THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. ONE HAS
EMPHASIZED THE POSITIVE ROLE OF THE SO-CALLED FRONT-
STATES, AND THAT WAS DONE IN CONNECTION WITH A REPORT
OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR ON HIS TRIP TO AFRICA
A FEW DAYS AGO AND HIS TALKS WITH THE CHIEF OF
STATE OF NIGERIA AND CHIEF OF STATE KAUNDE OF SAMBIA,
WHICH THE CHANCELLOR CONSIDERS VERY POSITIVE, AND THE
POSITIVE TALKS OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WITH
NYERERE. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT ONE IS ALSO WILLING
TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THESE COUNTRIES FOR A CON-
STRUCTIVE SOLUTION IN THE FUTURE. THE CHANCELLOR
HAS, AS THE COLLEAGUES WHO WERE WITH HIM WILL
REMEMBER, AGAIN SPOKEN ABOUT HIS INTENTION TO HELP
THE POOR. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF ZAMBIA WILL BE
SUPPORTED BY THE INCLUSION OF COPPER IN THE FORTH-
COMING SECOND LOME-AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH THE CHANCELLOR
IS ALWAYS CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT THINK OF A GLOBAL
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AGREEMENT BUT OF TARGETED HELP FOR ZAMBIA AS FAR AS
THE PRICE OF COPPER IS CONCERNED.

THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MIDDLE-
EAST. I ALREADY MENTIONED THAT MINISTER GENSCHER RE-
PORTED ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND
FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN. THE CHANCELLOR REPORTED
ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS AND HIS TALKS WITH CROWN PRINCE

FAAD.

THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER TOPIC FOR WHICH OBVIOUSLY NOBODY WAS PREPARED. NO ONE HAS TALKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF "JOINT EFFORTS" IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING. AN EXPERT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL SOON BE SENT TO BONN TO DETERMINE, TOGETHER WITH OUR EXPERTS, WHICH SPECIFIC AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CAN MAKE. THIS TOPIC IS, AS THE COLLEAGUES FROM WASHINGTON KNOW, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN AMERICA. WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROBLEM AND WE ARE PREPARED WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO HELP WITH FLANKING MEASURES.

THE CHANCELLOR THEN GAVE A PICTURE OF THE INNER-GERMAN SITUATION AND NOTED, THAT, SINCE THE TIME OF THE BASIC TREATIES, WE HAVE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES, BUT HE DID NOT CONCEAL THAT THERE ARE STILL DIFFICULTIES AND THAT THERE ARE MANY OBSTACLES ON THE WAY TO A WELL-FUNCTIONING NEIGHBORLY RELATION TO OVERCOME. HE MENTIONED TO THE PRESIDENT BRIEFLY THE MUCH-DISCUSSED PLAN OF A VISIT IN THE GDR AND REAFFIRMED TO THE PRESIDENT HIS WELL-KNOWN POSITION THAT HE IS PREPARED FOR SUCH A VISIT IN

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PRINCIPLE BUT THAT THE CLIMATE STILL HAS TO IMPROVE. IN THIS CONNECTION I MIGHT MENTION, AND THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED IN THE CHANCELLORY BY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, THAT THE GERMAN CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT MADE THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT FAMILIAR WITH THE CASES OF NIKO HUEBNER AND BAHRO. THESE CASES AND THE TOPIC OF HUMAN RIGHTS WERE DISCUSSED AND THERE WERE NO DIFFERENCES IN OPINION. YOU REMEMBER HOW AFFIRMATIVELY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE REPLIED TO THE COMMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC THE CHANCELLOR MENTIONED THAT WE SUCCEEDED IN THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THAT AFTER ALL THANKS TO OUR EFFORTS 75,000 PEOPLE FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION COULD EMMIGRATE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ENJOY ALL LIBERTIES HERE.

IN THIS CONNECTION THE FEDERAL FOREIGN MINISTER
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NOTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO REFER TO AND CITE THE PRINCIPALS OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI AND TO REMIND EVERYBODY EXPRESSIVELY ABOUT THEM, AS IMPORTANT AS THIS IS, BUT THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO USE THE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE GIVEN IN BASKET THREE OF THE FINAL ACT.

AT LUNCH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF FINANCE EXPLAINED AGAIN IN DETAIL THE CONCEPTIONS WHICH THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE IN MIND CONCERNING THE PROSPECTIVE AND IN THE MEANTIME THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED SYSTEM OF A EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNION AND HAS AGAIN GIVEN HIS ARGUMENTS THAT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO LET IT COME TO CONFRONTATION IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY POLICY BUT ON THE CONTRARY TO REACH EFFECTS THAT ARE POSITIVE FOR THE DOLLAR AND WILL HELP TO STABILIZE IT. MINISTER BLUMENTHAL SPOKE ABOUT THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, THE SO-CALLED "MULTINATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS". HERE IT WAS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THERE IS CERTAIN PROGRESS AND TWO OF THE IMPORTANT DELEGATES IN GENEVA DREW SPECIAL PRAISE AT THE TABLE, THAT IS GERMAN AG-COMMISSARY HAERKAMP AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER BOB STRAUSS. BLUMENTHAL REPORTED IN DETAIL ABOUT THE ENERGY SITUATION IN WASHINGTON. YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE HEARD THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE

U.S. CONGRESS TODAY PASSED A GREATER PART OF THE ENERGY
LEGISLATION OF THE PRESIDENT. THAT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR
LUNCH. BLUMENTHAL AT THE TABLE FOUND AN ESPECIALLY
POSITIVE WORD FOR THE ROLE OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNIONS
AND THE GERMAN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATION IN REMEMBRANCE
OF HIS TIME AS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
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OF COMPANIES FOR WHICH HE FORMERLY WORKED.
THIS WAS AUGMENTED WITH THANKS BY THE CHANCELLOR.

AS YOU SEE, THERE WAS A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS AND
OF COURSE THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN CONNECTION
WITH SALT ABOUT THE GENERAL STATUS OF THE EAST-WEST
RELATIONS.

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IN ANSWERING A VERY FEW QUESTIONS, BOELLING SAID THAT
THE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ARMARMENTS WAS NOT
MENTIONED BUT THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GERMAN
DEFENSE MINISTER APEL AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN
ARE VERY GOOD AND THAT WE ARE APPROACHING A TWO-WAY
STREET AS RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF AWAC HAVE SHOWN.

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